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Army Transformation

Toward the Future Force, Feb 3. Army Chief of Staff GEN Peter J. Schoomaker outlines his and other senior leaders' focus areas in developing tomorrow's Army.
Heavyweight Humvees, May 14. Reinforced steel plating and bullet-resistant windows are among the upgrades being added to the up-armored M-1114 Humvee.
On the Cutting Edge of Technology, Oct 12. The Army Materiel Command's engineers and scientists focus on getting the right technologies to the Soldiers who need them.
Faster Equipping of U.S. Forces, Oct 20. An office at Fort Belvoir, Va., helps to quickly get critical systems and technologies into the field.
The Soldier as a System, Oct 34. New technologies have helped spur the most significant transformation of Soldiers in 50 years.
More Than a Shadow, Nov 34. The Shadow looks like a radio-controlled airplane, takes off like a Roman candle and has controls similar to those of a video game.

Army Campaign Plan

Change is Our Hallmark, Jun 8. SMA Kenneth O. Preston talks about the nature of the Army's ongoing transformation.
From Concept to Combat, Jun 12. The changes inherent in the Army's transformation go much deeper than just new weapons.
Force Stabilization, Jun 20. Stability and predictability — along with better unit cohesion and improved training — are the goals of the Force-Stabilization effort.
Brownlee: Where We Stand, Oct 8. Acting Secretary of the Army R.L. Brownlee talks about war, retention

issues and the quality of today's Soldiers.

The Army in Europe

Changes in Europe, Apr 38. The end of the Cold War and the beginning of the war on terror have meant big changes for U.S. forces in Europe.
Building Up Graf, Apr 45. "New" and "better" are the keywords at Grafenwöhr Training Area in Germany.
Europe's Musical Ambassadors, Dec 12. The 120 Soldiers of the U.S. Army, Europe, Band and Chorus represent the Army's largest musical organization outside the United States.
A New Way to Train, Dec 20. U.S. Army, Europe, Soldiers trained in Bulgaria.

The Army in Korea

Warriors in the Line of Fire, Mar 8. The line between peace and war is razor-thin for the Soldiers who live within range of 100,000 artillery tubes and a million enemy troops.
On the Road, Mar 13. Mobility for U.S. forces can be a challenge on Korea's crowded roads.
Duty on the DMZ, Mar 15. Soldiers help keep the tenuous peace along the 151-mile Korean Demilitarized Zone.

Caring for Our Own

On the Frontlines of Care, Aug 18. Staffers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., are providing world-class care to wounded and injured Soldiers.
The Last Ocularist, Aug 24. Making artificial eyes is both an art and a science for this last-of-a-kind craftsman.
Amputees Battle Back, Aug 27. Advanced prosthetics and caring medical professionals add up to a better life for wounded Soldiers.
Each One a Hero, Aug 30. Heroes walk the hallways at the Army's burn center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
Miracles on a Mountainside, Oct 46. An innovative program brought together 350 severely disabled vets for a new type of rehab.
To Soldiers, From the Heart, Dec 24. All over the country, Americans are working to say "thank you" to deployed service members.

Community Outreach

Fast Track Recruiting, Feb 46. Recruiting new Soldiers can be a challenge, so the Army Accessions Command sought help from America's fastest-growing sport.
Building Tribal Ties, Apr 16. Two hundred years after the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Army is helping American Indians preserve their heritage.
The Army's Bull Riders, Jul 44. A firm grip and iron determination are key when your mount of choice doesn't want to be ridden.

Competitions

Warfighter Challenge, Feb 20. Competing teams gathered at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for the annual Warfighter Challenge.
Best Ranger Challenge, Aug 8. Nineteen teams journeyed to Fort Benning, Ga., for three days of grueling competition.
Going For Olympic Gold, Aug 12. At least 13 Soldiers and three Soldier-coaches will serve Team USA at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.
Cooking Up the Very Best, Dec 46. The U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition serves up the best Soldier-chefs.

Family and Quality-of-Life Issues

Supporting Adoptive Parents, Aug 42. Knowledge, care and support are the hallmarks of the Adoption Support Group at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.
Military Housing, Civilian Style, Oct 24. The Residential Communities Initiative program is helping provide Soldiers and their families with newer, more comfortable on-post housing.

Focus on People

Former First Sergeant Guides Soldiers to Success, Feb 48.
A Sense of Duty and Community, Mar 48.
Collecting a Piece of the Past, Apr 48.
Officer Commissions Brother, May 48.
The Army's Top Enlisted Soldier, Jun 30. SMA Kenneth O. Preston, the 13th sergeant major of the Army, talks about Soldiers and the Army's future.
AAFES Angel, Jun 47.
Heroes Meet, Jun 47.
Selfless Service, Jun 48.
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Salsa Band Hot on Tradition, Jul 48.
Shoes for Afghanistan, Aug 48.
Seeing Stars, Sep 48.
Keeping History Alive, Oct 48.
First in a Long Time, Nov 48.

History and Tradition

Army History: a continuing department appearing every month except January and August.
America's Sacred Shrine, May 8. Arlington National Cemetery is a shrine to those who have given their lives for the nation and is a final resting place for more than 285,000 people.
America's Flag, Jun 32. An ongoing restoration effort will ensure that the original "Star-Spangled Banner" continues to wave.
Reliving an Expedition, Jun 34. A member of the Montana Army National Guard is preparing to retrace the steps of Lewis and Clark.
Honoring Their Sacrifice, Jun 40. The new National World War II Memorial honors military and civilian veterans of the conflict.
Back to Normandy, Sep 44. Active-duty Soldiers and veterans journey to France to commemorate "The Longest Day."

Requiem for Mount Vernon, Dec 28. The Army says farewell to an historic chapel.

Legal Forum

When Your Car is a Lemon, Feb 44.
Soldier Re-employment Rights, Sep 38.
Internet Buyer Beware, Oct 42.

Missions

Third Army: Mission-Ready, Mar 20. The Army's only operational warfighting headquarters is state of the art and battle tested.
Fast Fielding for Soldier Systems, Mar 42. The Army's Program Executive Office-Soldier is responsible for nearly everything Soldiers wear and carry in a tactical environment.
Guarding MFO Skies, May 28. The venerable UH-1H is a vital part of the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt.
Managing Major Movements, May 44. The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command — formerly the Military Traffic Management Command — is implementing the largest movement of American military equipment since World War II.
Captured Enemy Ammunition, Jun 26. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is helping to destroy thousands of tons of Iraqi munitions.
Backing the MP Force, Aug 16. Some 200 National Guard artillerymen are training to serve as MPs as part of the war on terrorism.
The Army's Nerve Center, Sep 17. The Army Operations Center is the conduit that connects field commanders with senior leaders.
Putting the Army Ashore, Sep 20. Soldier-mariners of the 7th Transportation Group demonstrated a vital logistics capability during a recent exercise at Fort Story, Va.
The Army's Police, Nov 14. Skilled at switching between roles in public order and war, military police have become leading players in the Army's war on terrorism.
Inside Cheyenne Mountain, Nov 44. From outer space to local skies, no aircraft goes unchecked by the trackers at Cheyenne Mountain.
Hail to the Chief, Dec 8. Soldiers play a vital role in the inauguration of the nation's presidents.

Moving an Army at War

Troops In, Troops Out, Jul 8. Soldiers were on the move worldwide as the Army undertook the largest troop movement in 60 years.
Deploying the "Big Red One", Jul 14. Some 12,000 members of the 1st Infantry Division deployed from Germany to Iraq.
"All-American" Homecoming, Jul 16. Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division came home to a rousing welcome.
Welcoming Soldiers Home, Jul 20. At posts throughout the Army, friends and family members celebrated their warriors' return.

Civil Affairs Soldiers Come Home, Jul 22. When these reserve-component Soldiers redeployed, they came home from around the world.

Moving the Army to Victory

The Army Ships Out, Jul 24. The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command managed the Army's mass movement.

USAREUR's Movers, Jul 26. Getting units and materiel from Europe to Iraq took planning, perseverance and professionalism.

Keeping Up the Pace, Jul 30. Keeping the Army moving is the 1192nd Transportation Terminal Brigade's specialty.

National Guard and Reserves

Guarding the Golden Gate, Mar 24. National Guard Soldiers are helping protect a national icon from the threat of terrorist attack.

Proud Year for the Guard, Mar 30. The National Guard went to war in 2003 as it has not done in more than 50 years, while still serving in its traditional homeland roles.

Preparing for Catastrophe, Dec 30. Teams of Army and Air Guard members are training to react to terrorist threats against the homeland.

Retaining Guard Soldiers, Dec 32. New programs help the Guard keep valuable Soldiers.

Off Duty

Fun and Games from MWR, Mar 46. This was a banner year for special events, cutting-edge promotions and package deals throughout the Army. *Staying Safe on 2 Wheels*, Aug 46. Freedom is at your fingertips on a motorcycle — but only if you ride safely.

The Heart of a Soldier, Sep 24. Singers, dancers and musicians — all Soldiers — stage a spectacular entertainment event.

First-Class in Bavaria, Sep 28. Soldiers, their families and DOD civilians have a new reason to spend vacation time in beautiful southern Germany.

The Army's Paradise in Florida, Sep 32. The southern United States is also a vacation possibility for those whose tastes run more to sand, sun and ocean.

The Charm of the Cinque Terre, Oct 44. Five small villages on the Italian coast offer a dazzling variety of recreation opportunities.

Road to the Olympics

CPT Anita Allen, modern pentathlon, Feb back cover.

SSG Basheer Abdullah, boxing coach, Mar back cover.

SSG Torrence Daniels, boxer, Apr back cover.

PFC Tina George, wrestling, May back cover.

SGT Dremiel Byers, wrestling, Jun back cover.

1Lt Chad Senior, modern pentathlon, Jul back cover.

Schools and Training

A School for Peace and Prosperity, Feb 26. Lessons learned at the George C. Marshall Center have a positive impact on the security and economic development of the European community.

A Meeting of the Minds, Feb 32. Marshall Center conferences focus

on lawmakers, think-tanks and universities specializing in national defense and nongovernmental organizations.

Lifesaving Maintenance, Mar 18. Maintaining medical equipment isn't just about hardware, it's also about patient safety.

Training Arabic Linguists, May 18. In Monterey, Calif., the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center is teaching service members one of the world's most challenging tongues.

Back to the Basics, May 24. At Fort Jackson, S.C., experienced Soldiers go back to school to earn the drill sergeant's campaign hat.

Liberty City, Sep 10. Innovative training at Fort Sill, Okla., is helping Soldiers prepare for urban combat.

Training Troops for Deployment, Oct 28. Soldiers of the Army Reserve's 75th Div. are helping ensure that deploying units are ready for war.

Blast Detectives, Nov 20. Students at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., learn techniques of post-blast investigation.

Masters on the Battlefield, Nov 24. The Sapper Leader Course blends engineering and light-infantry skills to give Soldiers the edge on the battlefield.

Earning the EIB, Nov 30. It's just a two-by-three-inch piece of cloth, but some Soldiers are willing to shed blood, sweat and tears to get it.

Soldier Issues

2004 Pay Chart, Feb 24.

Cutting Down on Casualties, Apr 8. Acting Secretary of the Army R.L. Brownlee has directed the creation of a task force intended to decrease by 50 percent the number of accidental deaths in the Army.

Army One Source, Apr 22. Army One Source is your round-the-clock link to valuable Army-specific information.

Outfitting the Warfighter, Dec 42. AAFES military clothing sales stores ensure that service members get the gear they need.

War on Terror

A Respite from War, Feb 10. Soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom are seeing improvements in their quality of life.

Staying Mission-Ready, Feb 14. Maintaining a high level of readiness is critical for Operation Iraqi Freedom commanders.

Troop Update, Feb 19. The latest deployments to Iraq are intended to reduce the number of Soldiers in the region and speed the turnover of authority to the Iraqi people.

Stryker Soldiers in Action, Apr 24. The Army's Stryker wheeled combat vehicle has made its combat debut, patrolling the mean streets of Iraq.

Paratroopers on Patrol, Apr 27. For paratroopers of the Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade, duty in Iraq can be lonely, dangerous and challenging.

An Uncommon Mission, Apr 29. In Afghanistan to help train the Afghan National Army, Army Reserve Soldiers are easing the plight of the Afghan people.

Honoring the Fallen, Jul 46. An Iraqi artist helps craft a memorial to Americans who died while helping liberate his nation.

War on Terror Review, Sep 4. We take a look at some of the people involved

in the war on terror from September 2003 to July 2004.

First Line of Defense, Sep 14. U.S. Northern Command's focus is on deterring, preventing, defeating and mitigating aggression or threats against the United States.

Righting the Wrongs of Abu Ghraib, Nov 8. Long before news of the abuses at Abu Ghraib broke, the Army was initiating changes to address the issues associated with detainee operations.

Afghan Mortar Mission, Dec 34. A mortar teams provides on-call fire support in the hills of Afghanistan.

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